

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of claims 1-2 and 4-12 is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 3 and is supported by that claim and the corresponding text in the specification. Claim 2 has also been amended accordingly. The amended claims are supported by the original claims, the specification and the figures. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

Claims 1-4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Harvey. Claims 1-2 and 11-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Doiron. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The claimed invention is not anticipated by the two cited references. Neither Harvey nor Doiron disclose or suggest a spigot extending from the base wall of a collector or collector housing. According to the claimed invention, the inventive arrangement with the spigot extending from the base wall of the collector is particularly important because it allows the adaptor to be readily attached to a variety of different sizes of first flush water diverters. Not only is this feature and design not disclosed or suggested by the cited art, but the cited art does not appreciate or have as its objective this purpose of the claimed invention. As a result, withdrawal of the anticipatory rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 5 and 7-10 contain allowable subject matter. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant submits that all pending claims contain allowable subject matter.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the examiner has any questions concerning this case, the undersigned may be contacted at 703-816-4009.

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